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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/067,186 First Named Applicant: Parks
Examiner: Pham Art Unit: 1724 Status of Application: Final

Tentative Participants:

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(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: October 22, 2004 Proposed Time: 11:00 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejection</u>	<u>27, 28, 30, 32, 33</u>	<u>5, 259, 854</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Rejection</u>	<u>1-26, 29, 31, 34</u>	<u>5, 259, 854</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet Attached					

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Applicant would like another opportunity to present the argument that
the references cited do not teach or suggest a disposable filtration bag
for a floor care appliance having a HEPA rating or made from a layer

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene film. Applicant has spent a considerable amount of money and time in the research, development and reduction to practice of such a filtration bag in anticipation of consumer need and a potentially vast commercial market and believes it is entitled to such claims. In fact, in support of applicant's claim that the subject bag is not obvious, applicant has just recently become aware of a competitor who has introduced a filtration bag purportedly made from a layer of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene. The introduction of the competitor filtration bag supports applicant's claim for non-obviousness because it reflects applicant's claim as to the consumer's need and interest in such a filtration bag. Applicant submits that if such a bag were obvious based upon the prior art or otherwise it would have been invented heretofore. As such, applicant would like to present its argument for non-obviousness as previously submitted and on the new grounds discussed herein.

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